

## Family Fun Weekend In and Around Delamere Suggested itinerary

### Day 1

#### **Go on a Woodland Adventure**

Delamere Forest is Cheshire's largest woodland area and the perfect place for family adventures and picnics. Take a trip to the café and visitor centre where you can pick up trail maps and hire bikes for an exciting family adventure.

There's plenty of wildlife to be found including the greater spotted woodpecker, small tortoiseshell butterfly and southern hawker dragonfly, so why not bring some binoculars and see what you can spot.

If you're feeling adventurous then book your space at Go Ape! With the original Go Ape Tree Top Adventure and Go Ape Forest Segway to choose from, you can swing through the treetops or get off the beaten track and explore this stunning landscape.

#### **Have fun at Blakemere Village**

Just 10 minutes' drive from Delamere Forest is Blakemere Village offering a great mix of shops, children's activities and places to eat. Wonder around the courtyard, which was originally the stable block for Blakemere Hall built in 1878, and today houses a variety of independent shops. Let the kids run off some steam on the outdoor play area or the indoor play barn. You can also visit Cheshire Falconry to see a wonderful bird of prey flying display held daily from Easter to September.

### Day 2

#### **Anderton Boat Lift**

The Anderton Boat Lift was built in 1875 to transport boats between the Weaver Navigation and the Trent and Mersey Canal 50 feet above. Still in operation today, visitors can hop aboard the Edwin Clark river trip boat for a ride through the lift and river cruise.

The Anderton Boat Lift Operation Centre is free to enter and has wonderful displays and interactive exhibitions which are great for the kids. There's also an outdoor play area and maze, as well as a café selling the most delicious cakes, perfect for a little treat!

You can also spend some time exploring Anderton Nature Park whilst there; pick up a Wildflower Trail leaflet from the Anderton Boat Lift Operation Centre and go in search of the art located around the site.

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## **Further afield, other suggestions**

### **The Ice Cream Farm**

Choose from over 50 irresistible real dairy ice creams and sorbets made in Cheshire. There's plenty to keep kids entertained too with Honeycomb Canyon, an indoor sand and water play area, Daisy's Garden and outdoor play area. You can also meet the animals at Fudge Farm and much more.

### **Beeston Castle**

Standing majestically on a sheer rocky crag, Beeston Castle offers perhaps the most stunning views of any castle in England. Discover 4,000 years of history and explore over 40 acres of woodland walks. Perfect for a family day out!

### **National Waterways Museum**

Discover how waterways helped to drive the UK's astonishing industrial revolution. Take a boat trip, visit the museum blacksmith and explore traditional narrowboats through the ages, complete with cottage gardens.

### **Tatton Park**

One of the UK's most impressive historic estates with 2,000 acres of deer park, a stunning neo-classical mansion, 1930's rare breed farm, Tudor old hall, 250 year old gardens, adventure playground, speciality shops and a restaurant, there's plenty for everyone to enjoy.